

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following paragraph:

[0043] In the illustrated embodiment, the needle electrode 126 has an open-ended tapered tip similar to the tip 118 of the cannula 108. The open end is in fluid communication with the perfusion lumen 128, thereby providing a perfusion exit port 129 from which infusaid is delivered to the tissue. Alternatively or optionally, side ports (not shown) can be provided in the probe shaft 120 in fluid communication with the perfusion lumen 128. Alternatively, the probe shaft 120 and/or the needle electrode 126 can have a porous structure that allows infusaid to exit out through the pores. ~~Further details regarding the manufacture and functionality of porous structures in ablation probes are disclosed in Application Ser. No. 10/xxx,xxx (Bingham Docket No. 2024728-7034802001), filed December 11, 2003, and which is expressly incorporated herein by reference.~~ When using side ports or porous structures, the needle electrode 126 can have a closed-ended point, thereby facilitating introduction of the needle electrode 126 through the tissue along a straight line.